

REMARKS

Claims 36-53 were previously pending in the present application. No claims are currently canceled, and new claim 54 is currently added. Consequently, claims 36-54 are currently pending in the present application.

Reconsideration of the present application in light of the above amendments is respectfully requested. It is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early indication of allowability are respectfully requested.

Applicants further note that no fee is believed required for consideration of this Amendment. However, if any fee is necessary, Applicants hereby authorize payment of such fee from Deposit Account No. 19-0610 (19.0380).

Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite consideration, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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